CLAIMS

1. A video signal playback unit, comprising:

a record and playback section (3) for recording and playing back image data;

a skip operation section (6) for receiving skip playback instruction input resulting from user operation;

a calculating section (8) for calculating, based on the skip playback instruction input being input from the skip operation section (6), a first time skipped a predetermined time from a playback time at the time of input, and a second time obtained by adding a predetermined time to the first time; and

an output section (5) for outputting a first video signal for image data played back by the record and playback section (3), the first video signal being corresponding to the first time calculated by the calculating section (8), and a second video signal for image data played back by the record and playback section (3), the second image data being corresponding to the second time calculated by the calculating section (8).

2. The unit according to claim 1, wherein

the calculating section (8) calculates times a predetermined time before and after the first time.

3. The unit according to claim 2, wherein

the output section (5) outputs the first video signal made up of moving pictures, and outputs the second video signal made

up of a still picture.

4. The unit according to claim 2, further comprising a selection operation section (6) for receiving selection instruction input for selecting either of an output first video signal or an output second video signal output resulting from viewer operation, and wherein

when a selection instruction input for selecting either video signal is received from the selection operation section (6) within a predetermined time from the first time, the output section (5) outputs the selected video signal.

5. The unit according to claim 4, wherein

when a selection instruction input for selecting either video signal is not received from the selection operation section (6) within the predetermined time from the first time, the output section (5) outputs only the first video signal.

6. The unit according to claim 1, wherein

the calculating section (8) calculates a second time a predetermined time before or after the first time.

7. The unit according to claim 6, wherein

the output section (5) outputs the first video signal made up of moving pictures, and outputs the second video signal made up of a still picture.

8. The unit according to claim 6, further comprising

a selection operation section (6) for receiving selection instruction input for selecting either of an output first video signal or an output second video signal output resulting from viewer operation, and wherein

when a selection instruction input for selecting either video signal is received from the selection operation section (6) within a predetermined time from the first time, the output section (5) outputs the selected video signal.

9. The unit according to claim 8, wherein

when a selection instruction input for selecting either video signal is not received from the selection operation section (6) within the predetermined time from the first time, the output section (5) outputs only the first video signal.

10. The unit according to claim 1, wherein

when image data corresponding to the second skip time calculated by the calculating section (8) is not recorded in the record and playback section (3), the output section (5) does not output the second video signal.

11. A video signal playback method, comprising:

recording image data;

receiving skip playback instruction input resulting from user operation;

calculating, based on the skip playback instruction input

being input, a first time skipped a predetermined time from a playback time at the time of input, and a second time obtained by adding a predetermined time to the first time; and

playing back and outputting a first video signal for recorded image data, the first video signal being corresponding to the calculated first time, and a second video signal for recorded image data, the second video signal being corresponding to the calculated second time.